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## WAXMAN CALLS FOR PUNISHMENT OF PHALANGISTS

In the wake of the Israeli report on the massacres in Beirut, Congressman Henry A. Waxman has demanded that the Lebanese government take action against the Phalangists involved in the tragedy.

Waxman said, "I am outraged at the failure of the Lebanese government to make any substantial effort to bring to justice the men who bear direct responsibility for the deaths which occurred in the Sabra and Chatilla camps.

No one has ever disputed the fact that Christian Phalangists--and only Christian Phalangists--entered the camps, perpetrated the horrible atrocities and left with uniforms soaked with the blood of the victims."

According to Waxman, there is a general consensus among journalists and military intelligence sources that the commander of the Christian Phalangists operations was Elie Hobeika. Hobeika is also identified in the Israeli Kahan Commission report as the commander of the massacres. Despite this information, Hobeika continues to serve as chief of Phalangists' Secret Intelligence Operations.

Waxman said the failure of the Lebanese government to pursue in earnest the Phalangists suspects has given the world a false impression of what happened in Beirut.

"Everyone knows that Israeli involvement in the massacres was indirect. Not a single shot was fired by any Israeli. Ironically, Israel's swift and harsh judgment of its own top officials has given the impression that these men are the principal culprits. All the while, the Lebanese government has run a bogus investigation. The Lebanese individuals who planned, ordered, and conducted the massacres have escaped both world-wide attention and appropriate punishment. This injustice must be corrected," Waxman concluded.

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